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GENITAL DYSPLASIA OF THE HIP," DR. BOGDAN BRECELJ,
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

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1. PROF. BRECELJ IN LETTER OF OCTOBER 26, 1974, AGREES WITH
SCIENTIFIC REVIEWERS OF HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION THAT 30
BIOCHEMICAL STUDIES PROBABLY NOT SUFFICIENTLY LARGE IN NUMBER
TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FROM PROF.
BRECELJ PROVIDED FOR MUCH LARGER NUMBER IN BOTH 2ND AND 3RD YEAR
OF THE PROJECT, AND HE REQUESTED THAT THE PROJECT BE SET UP
AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

2. THE SCIENTIFIC REVIEWERS NOT ONLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF
BIOCHEMICAL EVALUATIONS OF A CLEARLY DEFINED NATURE WHICH ARE
EXPENSIVE, BUT THEY BROUGHT UP OTHER POINTS WHICH WERE WELL
TAKEN BUT WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED EVEN GREATER EXPENDITURES
OF FUNDS. FURTHER, THE CONSENSUS SEEMED TO BE THAT WHILE THE
PROJECT HAD MERIT, IT WAS NOT OF SUFFICIENTLY HIGH PRIORITY
IN A TIGHT MONEY SITUATION TO WARRANT APPROVAL.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, DHEW WOULD APPRECIATE SCIATT'S
EXPLORING WITH FAISECTC POSSIBILITY YUGOSLAV'S WITHDRAWING THIS
PROPOSAL. DHEW WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT AND WORK WITH YUGO-
SLAV HEALTH SCIENTISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER HEALTH
PROJECT(S) THAT MIGHT MERIT HIGHER PRIORITY AND OFFER GREATER
PROSPECTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO THE PUBLIC.

4. DHEW WILL PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD
MEETING AND WOULD LIKE FOR THE YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES TO BE
PREPARED TO RESPOND. KISSINGER

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